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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A baby holding device comprising:

a pillow having a medial region and two opposing <u>curved</u> arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region, <u>wherein the curved arms have rounded ends</u> that are spaced apart from each other so as to generally face each other; and

a securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system comprises a center holding strap that is configured to be placed between the baby's legs so as to extend over at least a portion of the baby's torso and be operably coupled to the opposing arms to hold the baby within the well region.

- 21. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further comprises a side strap extending from each arm, wherein the side straps include connectors that are connectable to mating connectors on the center holding strap.
- 22. (Original) A device as in claim 21, wherein the connectors comprise buckle connectors.
- 23. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further comprises a seat that is disposed across the well region.
- 24. (Original) A device as in claim 23, wherein the seat comprises a fabric coupled to the arms and the medial region.
- 25. (Original) A device as in claim 23, wherein the center strap is coupled to the seat at a location to permit the baby's feet to hang from the seat.

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- 26. (Withdrawn) A device as in claim 20, further comprising a hood operably coupled to the pillow.
  - 27. (Withdrawn)A device as in claim 26, wherein the hood is foldable.
- 28. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the medial region has a height in the range from about 1 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 inches.
- 29. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the arms have a height in the range from about 1 inches to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.
- 30. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the well region has a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches.
- 31. (Original) A device as in claim 20, wherein the pillow further comprises a fabric shell encasing a fill material.

Claims 32-35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) A baby holding device comprising:

a pillow having a medial region and two opposing <u>curved</u> arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region, <u>wherein the curved arms have rounded ends</u> that are spaced apart from each other so as to generally face each other; and

a securing system operably coupled to the medial region of the pillow, wherein the securing system comprises a center holding strap that is configured to be placed around at least a portion of the baby's torso and wherein the center holding strap has a free end that is configured to be operably secured back to the pillow. Appl. No. 10/813,877 Amdt. dated December 15, 2005 Reply to Office Action of September 23, 2005

- 37. (Original) A device as in claim 36, wherein the medial region has a height in the range from about 1 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 inches.
- 38. (Original) A device as in claim 36, wherein the arms have a height in the range from about 1 inches to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.
- 39. (Original) A device as in claim 36, wherein the well region has a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches.
- 40. (Original) A device as in claim 36, wherein the pillow further comprises a fabric shell encasing a fill material.

Claim 41. (Canceled)